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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 80

17 October 1950

1. The following were present:

Dr. Appleton
Mr. Fletcher
Lt. Col. Kiel
Lt. Cdr. Nutt
Lt. Col. Rogers
Major Rush

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2. The Chairman announced that a large sum from ECA Counterpart Funds is being made available for overt research in the countries which have received aid under the ECA program, and that it may be possible to use some of these funds in the furtherance of the NIS Program. The expenditure of these funds will be under State Department control and a program for the use of these funds is now being formulated by the External Research Relations Staff of the State Department. The Chairman informed the members that at a meeting held at the State Department on the 13th of October, in which he participated, the following information was furnished concerning the use of these funds:

a. Approximately \$12,000,000 of ECA Counterpart Funds is immediately available, and an additional \$15,000,000 might be made available which may be expended for overt research in the Social Science field in the countries of Western and Northern Europe, and also Greece and Turkey.

b. These funds must be expended in the currency of the country concerned and must be used in that country or in areas where the currency of that country is the official medium of exchange. In the latter case the consent of the country providing the counterpart funds is necessary. The funds may be used for the employment of U.S. citizens or selected nationals of the several countries. However, traveling expenses of U.S. citizens to and from the country concerned would require U.S. dollars from other sources.

c. It appears at this time that research to be financed from these funds will generally be restricted to matters which relate,

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in a general sense, to 1) combating Communism, 2) the economic recovery of the country, and 3) the economic integration of Europe.

d. A meeting of State Department and ECA officials will be held in Paris, France, on the 25th of October, 1950, at which time detailed plans will be worked out for this program. On the return of the State Department officials from this meeting, the Intelligence Agencies will be informed of the exact conditions governing the use of these funds, and will be given the opportunity of submitting proposals for specific projects.

The Chairman pointed out that the NIS already had a program with clearly defined requirements so that in order to augment present efforts by the use of Counterpart Funds it was largely a matter of determining what NIS collections and research projects fall within the general field of the Social Sciences, and submit proposals accordingly. State Department, which has production responsibility for NIS Chapters IV (Sociological), V (Political), and VI (Economic) can benefit most from the use of these funds. Army, Navy and Air Force could not obtain use of these funds for military intelligence projects, as such, but a number of subjects covered in the Military Intelligence Chapters of the NIS such as meteorology, topography, transportation, and others of a similar nature have Social Science aspects that should make them permissible subjects for research under the Counterpart Funds program. All agencies have, therefore, the opportunity of augmenting their capabilities for producing NIS by the use of these funds without getting into the military aspects.

The Chairman suggested that the members obtain the views of their respective agencies on the manner in which their particular portion of the NIS Program could best be aided under the Counterpart Funds program. It was agreed that preliminary reports would be made at the next meeting.

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The Air Force member stated that he wished to present the question for reconsideration by his agency in light of the discussion at this meeting. It was agreed that he would notify the Chairman directly of the position of his agency. The Chairman undertook to prepare a memorandum to the Assistant Director, OCD (CIA), setting forth the decisions of the Committee on receipt of the Air Force decision.

5. A proposed policy statement for the issuance of errata was submitted by the Chairman, and approved by the members. The approved policy is as follows:

NIS POLICY ON ERRATA

1. The normal procedure for filling gaps in information and correcting errors in the NIS will be to issue revisions of the initial publication from time to time as provided for in the maintenance program. However, it is conceivable that some errors will occur which should be corrected by the immediate issuance of errata. In order to provide for contingencies of this nature the following policies will govern:

a. The issuance of errata to NIS publications will be made only on the basis of need as determined by the NIS Committee.

b. The Committee will authorize errata only in those cases where the errors are of a serious nature. Minor errors, which in themselves do not detract materially from the usefulness of the information, will be corrected in subsequent issues under the maintenance program.

c. Members will inform the Committee of all errors in NIS publications which, in their opinion, warrant the issuance of errata.

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The Committee will consider the nature and importance of the errors involved and make the final decision on whether or not such corrective action is necessary.

d. Committee members will consider all proposals for errata submitted by agency personnel in the light of NIS policy set forth herein and will be governed thereby in determining whether or not they should be submitted to the Committee for decision.

6. The Chairman announced that he had transmitted the recommendations of the NIS Committee for further revisions of the Chapter VII (Scientific) Outline and Outline Guide to the Chapter Coordinator (OSI), and had urged that they be accepted in full. The recommendations will be considered by the SIC, and it is expected that a definite answer will be received from OSI before the next meeting of the NIS Committee.

The Army member raised a question concerning the proposed outline of Section 71. He reported that he was informed that proposals made by the Army member of the JEIC had not been taken into consideration in preparing the Section 71 outline. The Chairman stated that he understood that all proposals submitted in connection with the revision of the Chapter VII Outline and Outline Guide had been considered but that he would have the matter looked into and inform the Army member of the findings.

7. The Chairman announced that he had been informed that a letter had gone out from the Office of the Secretary of Defense to the Secretaries of the Army, Navy and Air Force inquiring as to the support needed in each of these agencies to enable them to meet their NIS production commitments. The inquiries are in furtherance of the recommendation of the Intelligence Advisory Committee that additional support be given to the NIS producing components in these agencies, which was transmitted by the DCI to the Secretary of Defense on 22 August 1950.

8. The Army member reported that the proposed downgrading of JANIS 71, Chapters VII, VIII and IX from CONFIDENTIAL to RESTRICTED was under consideration in his agency and that he would report the Army position on the matter at the next meeting.

9. The State member suggested that preparation of a production schedule for FY 1952 be undertaken at an early date. It was agreed, however, that revision of the FY 1951 schedule was necessary before establishing a schedule for FY 1952. At the suggestion of the Chairman, it was agreed that members

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would submit proposals for the revision of the FY 1951 schedule, and for a tentative FY 1952 schedule by 1 December 1950.

10. The Chairman announced that D/NIS (CIA) was giving consideration to changing the system now employed for showing the qualitative adequacy of the contributions received from the agencies. He outlined the changes which had been suggested for the three category headings of the Qualitative Adequacy Report, and requested the members to give the matter consideration and be prepared to discuss it further at the next meeting.

11. The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chairman.

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